Docket No. 826.1656 (JDH)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hisorshi NISHIMOTO

Serial No.: To be assigned

Filed: December 28, 2000

OPTICAL NODE DEVICE AND SIGNAL SWITCHING AND

**CONNECTION METHOD** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 3,

line 1, change "3" to --2--.

## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed, and to correct a typographical error.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-

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